

Construction of Pagladiya Dam Project in Assam

1482. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Brahmaputra Board under his Ministry has reinitiated the process of construction of Pagladiya Dam Project in Assam despite strong objection placed by the people and organizations;

(b) if so, whether clearance has been obtained from Bodoland Territorial Council Authority, Assam, so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to take into account the public opinion also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Pagladiya Dam Project was sanctioned by the Government of India in 2001 and the Brahmaputra Board has taken up some works of the project. However, Zirat Survey for finalization of compensation package to the Project Affected People (PAP) by the Government of Assam could not be done due to opposition from a section of the PAP.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Brahmaputra Board and the District Administration authorities held several public meetings in the project area for sensitizing the local people about the benefits of the project and also eliciting public opinion. Public opinion is also taken through the representatives of the local bodies (Government/Non-Government) included in committees involved in project implementation.

Provision of Ravi water to Jammu and Kashmir

1483. SHRI T S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water of river Ravi that was to be provided to Jammu and Kashmir State through Ravi-Tawi canal has not so far been done;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and